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- 1. I HAD TWO LONG SESSIONS WITH PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR DAOUDY SEPT 8-9. DURING FIRST ONE I DISCUSSED SAFRAN'S VISIT AND EMPHASIZED THAT SAFRAN WAS IN NO WAY SPEAKING AS OFFICIAL EMISSARY. DAOUDY CLEARLY ENJOYED HIS MEETING WITH SAFRAN BUT MADE NO MENTION OF POINT THAT SYRIA WAS INTERESTED IN PRUSUING THE WORKING GROUP IDEA. THE ONLY CONTEXT IN WHICH THIS AROSE WAS WHEN HE CITED THE WORKING GROUP CONCEPT AS AN EXAMPLE OF EGYPTIAN FAILURE TO COORDINATE ITS DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES WITH OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS.
- 2. JUDGING BY DAOUDY'S COMMENTS, I SUSPECT THE IDEA IS AS UNAPPEALING TODAY FOR DAMASCUS AS IT WAS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT.
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